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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2137**

**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 09812.0590-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Taizo SHIRAI et al.

Application No.: 09/982,711

Filed: October 18, 2001

For: INFORMATION RECORDING  
DEVICE, INFORMATION  
PLAYBACK DEVICE,  
INFORMATION RECORDING  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, with a period for response extending through July 26, 2006, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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